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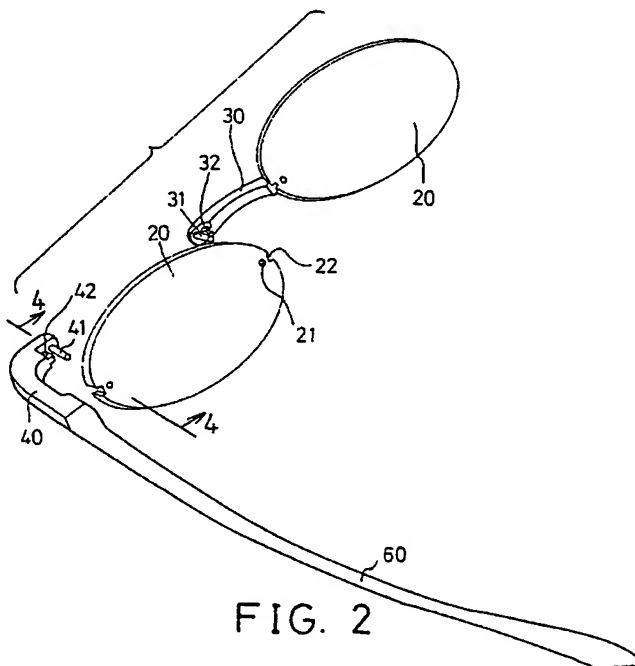
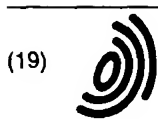


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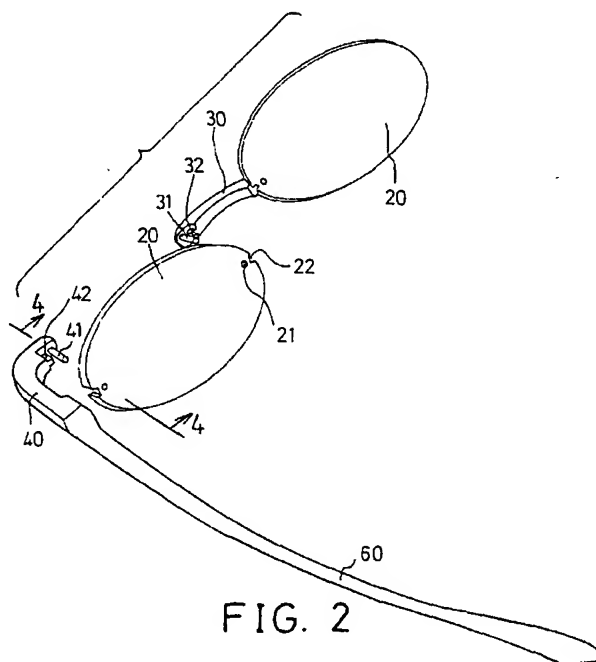


FIG. 2

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Description

[0001] The invention relates to a method for securing spectacle members, such as the legs or temples and the lenses, and/or the bridge and the lenses, together.

[0002] Typical spectacle frames, such as the rimless frames, comprise two lenses, a bridge secured between the lenses, and two legs or temples secured to the sides of the lenses. The spectacle members, including the lenses and the temples and/or the bridge, are secured together with adhesive materials or fasteners, and may not be solidly secured together. In addition, it takes a long time to apply the adhesive materials onto the spectacle members or to secure the fasteners.

[0003] The invention is to provide a method for securing the spectacle members, including the lenses and the temples and/or the bridge, together without fasteners.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a spectacle frame having spectacle members to be secured together with a method of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a partial exploded view of the spectacle frame;

FIG. 3 is a partial plane and exploded view of the mating portions of the temple and the lens;

FIGS. 4, 5 are partial cross sectional views taken along lines 4-4, and 5-5 of FIGS. 2 and 1 respectively;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view showing the other application of the spectacle frame;

FIG. 7 is a partial exploded view of the spectacle frame as shown in FIG. 6;

FIG. 8 is a partial plane and exploded view of the mating portions of the temple and the lens; and

FIGS. 9 and 10 are partial cross sectional views taken along lines 9-9, and 10-10 of FIGS. 7 and 6.

[0004] Referring to FIGS. 1-5, a spectacle frame has two or more spectacle members to be secured together with a method of the invention. The spectacle frame comprises two lenses 20, a bridge 30 secured between the lenses 20, and/or two temples 40 secured to the corresponding side portions of the lenses 20 for pivotally supporting respective legs 60. The lenses 20 each includes one or both sides each having an orifice 21 and an opening 22. The opening 22 may include an open side portion (FIGS. 2, 3), or an enclosed or other shape separating from or communicating with the orifice 21 (FIGS. 6-10) of the lenses 20.

[0005] The bridge 30 includes two ends each having an extension 31 engaged through the orifices 21 of the lenses 20, and each having a projection 32 engaged into the corresponding opening 22 of the lenses 20 (FIGS. 3-5). The temples 40 each also includes an extension 41 engaged through the orifices 21 of the lenses 20, and a projection 42 engaged into the corresponding opening 22 of the lenses 20 (FIGS. 6-10). The engagement of the extensions 31, 41 and the projections 32, 42 of the

bridge 30 and/or of the temples 40 into the corresponding orifices 21 and the openings 22 of the lenses 20 may prevent the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 from rotating relative to the lenses 20.

[0006] As shown in FIGS. 5, 10, after the extension 31, 41 of the bridge 30 and/or of the temple 30 is engaged through the orifice 21 of the lenses 20, the free end of the extension 31, 41 is welded or melted or deformed with a welder device 80 so as to form an enlarged head 43 which may engage with the lenses 20 to solidly secure the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 and the lenses 20 together. Alternatively, the projections 32, 42 may be deformed to engage with lenses 20 and to secure the spectacle members 20, 30, 40 together, instead of the deformation of the extensions 31, 41.

[0007] The orifices 21 and the openings 22 may be formed in the lenses 20 with a machining or drilling or milling process, or may be formed when the lenses 20 are formed by such as a molding process. The extensions 31, 41 and the projections 32, 42 of the bridge 30 and/or of the temples 40 may be formed while the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 are formed by such as a molding process, or may be formed separately and engaged into the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 after the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 are formed. The spectacle members, including the lenses 20, and the bridge 30, and the temples 40 are preferably made of such as the plastic materials, but not limit to this only, which may be easily molded and melted for allowing the spectacle members to be easily assembled together.

[0008] It is to be noted that the spectacle members 20, 30, 40 may be easily and quickly manufactured with a mass production process. In addition, the extensions 31, 41 and the projections 32, 42 of the bridge 30 and/or of the temples 40 may be easily and quickly engaged into the corresponding orifices 21 and the openings 22 of the lenses 20. The free ends of the extension 31, 41 of the bridge 30 and/or of the temple 40 may then be easily and quickly welded or melted with the welder device 80 so as to form the enlarged head 43 and to engage with the lenses 20 such that the spectacle members including the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 and the lenses 20 may be solidly secured together. The provision and the engagement of the projections 32, 42 of the bridge 30 and/or of the temples 40 into the corresponding openings 22 of the lenses 20 may prevent the bridge 30 and/or the temples 40 from rotating relative to the lenses 20. An adhesive material may further, but not necessarily, be provided for further securing the spectacle members together.

Claims

1. A method for securing a first spectacle member and a second spectacle member together, the method comprising:

forming an orifice and an opening in the first
spectacle member,
forming an extension and a projection on the
second spectacle member,
engaging the extension and the projection of 5
the second spectacle member into the orifice
and the opening of the first spectacle member,
and
deforming the extension to engage with the first
spectacle member and to secure the first and 10
the second spectacle members together.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open-
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3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open-
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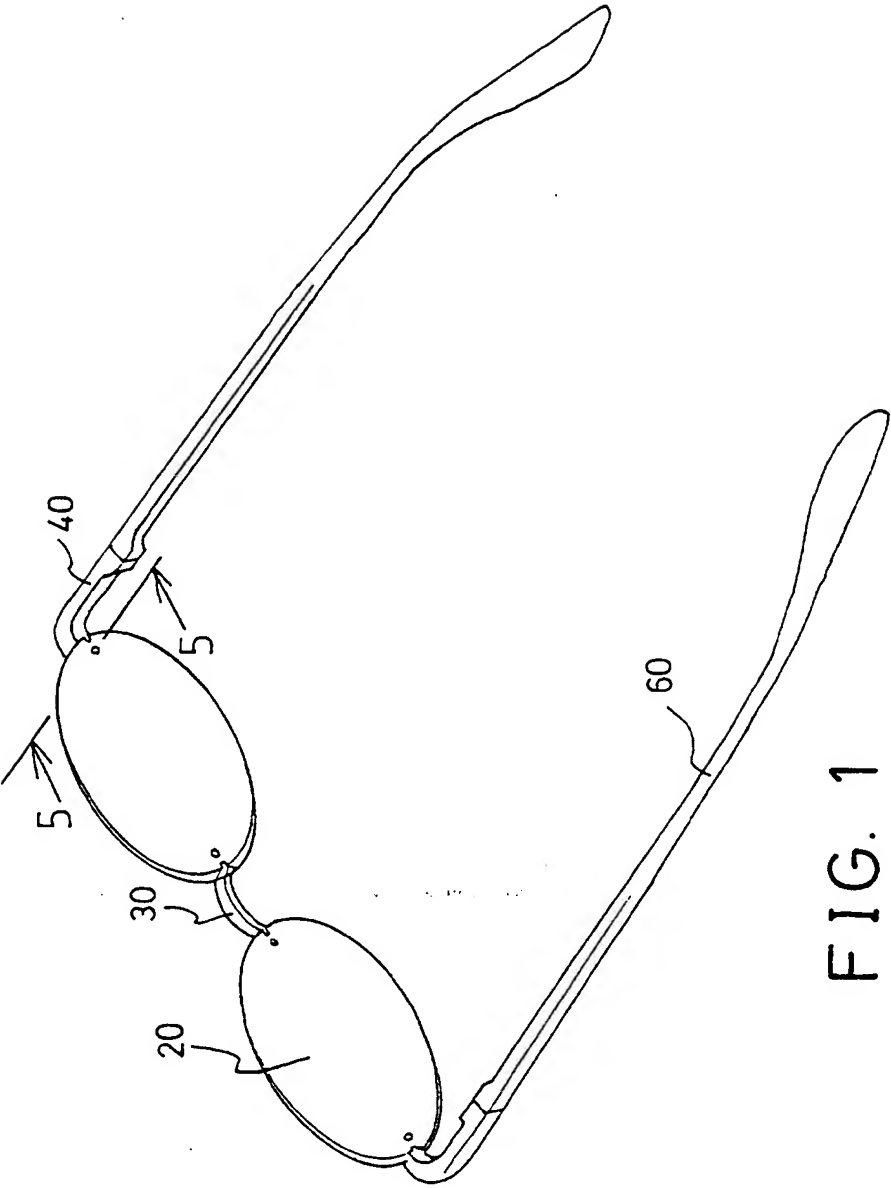
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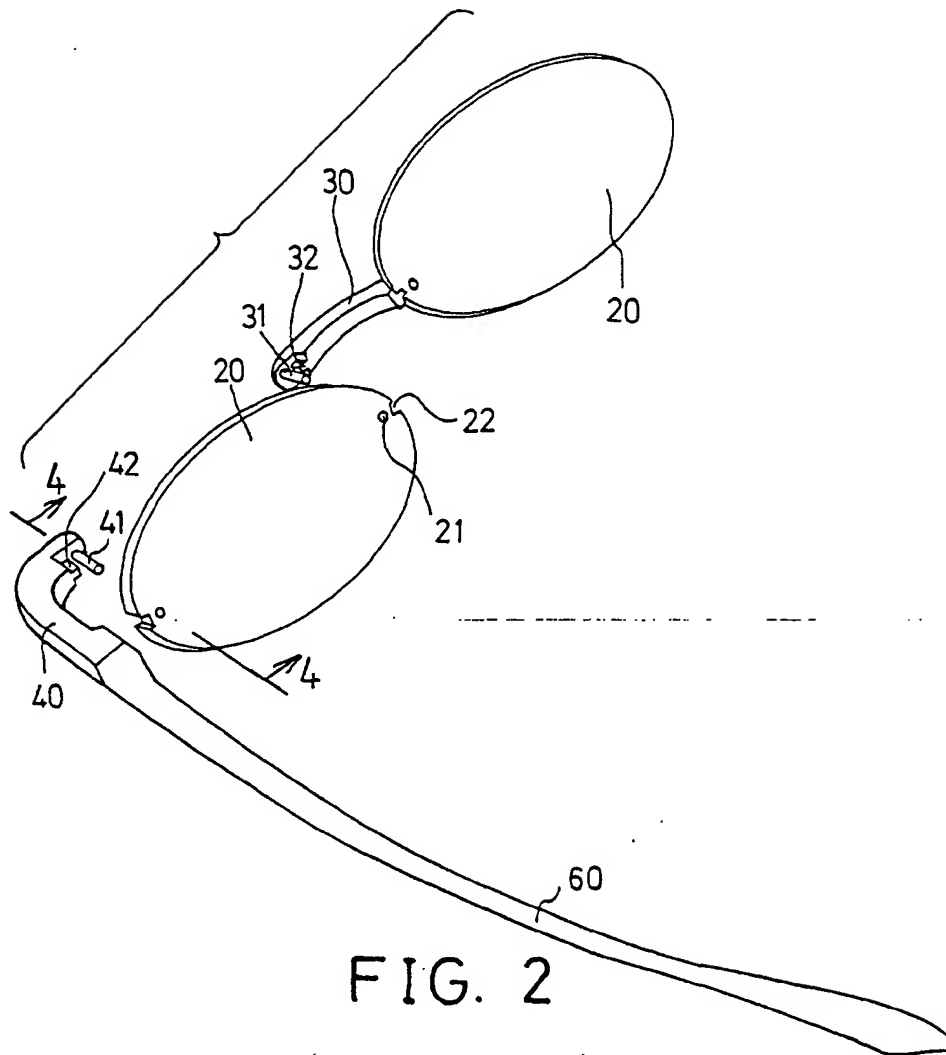


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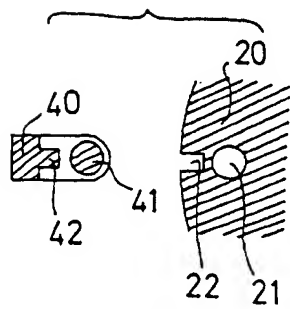


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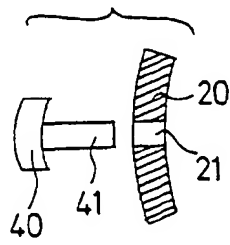


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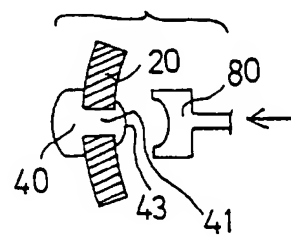


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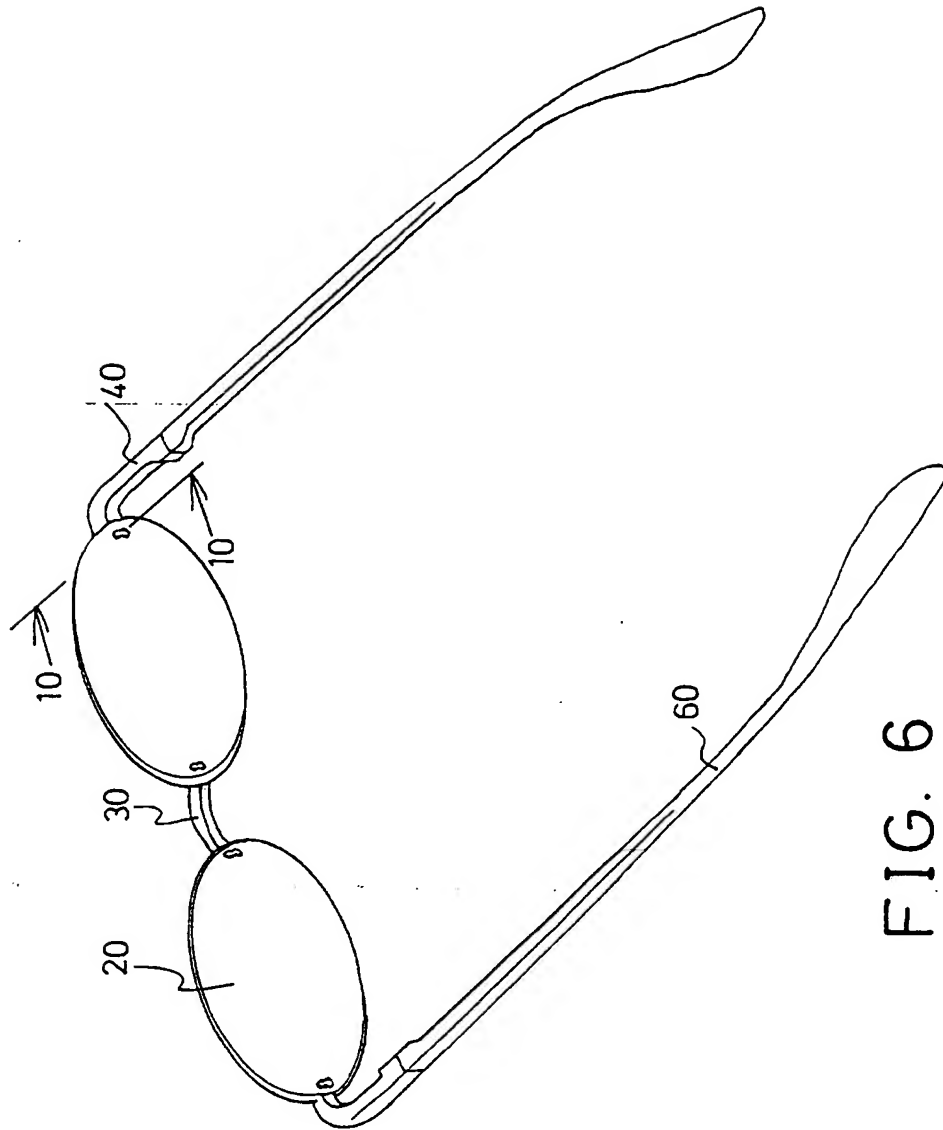
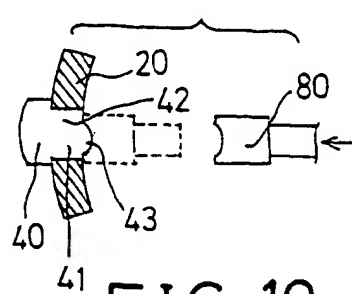
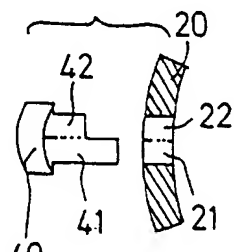
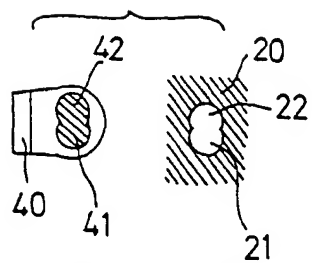
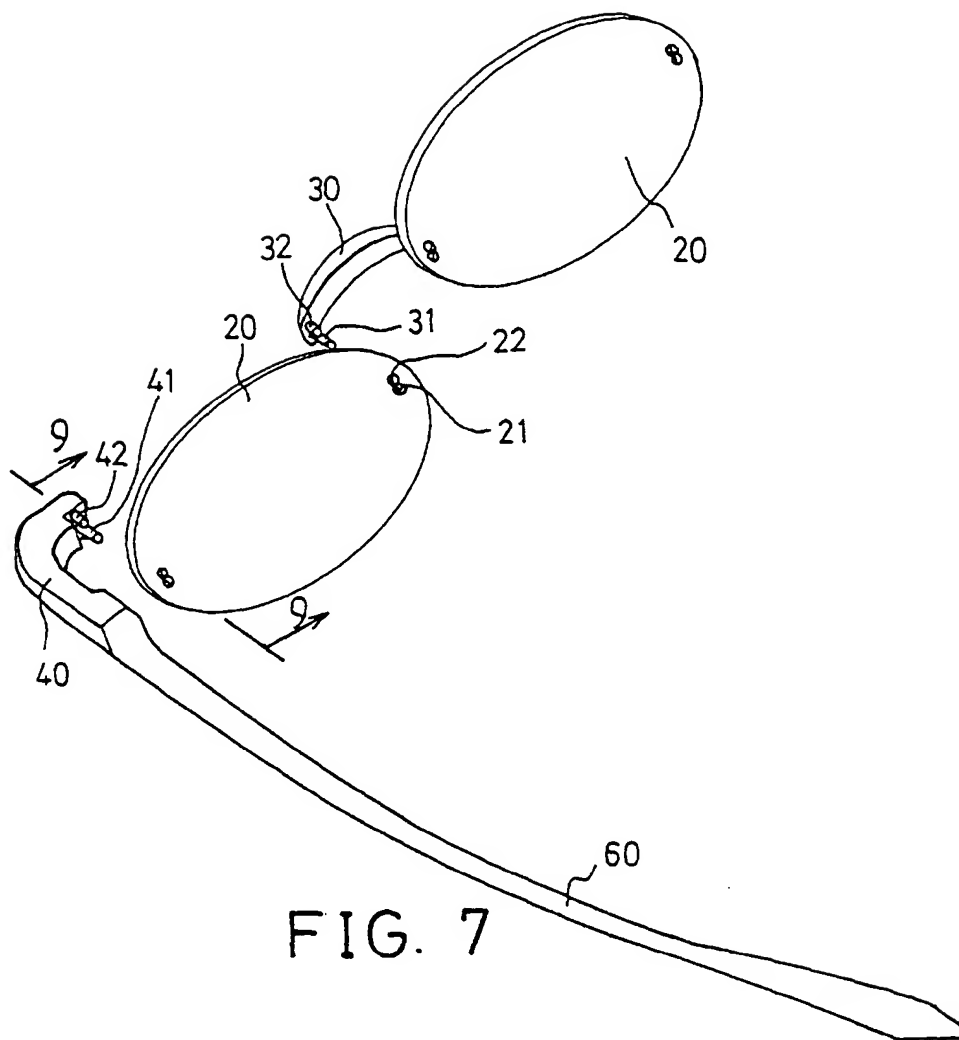


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